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Editorial

Official Notice

On page 14 will be found an official notice from the secretary and treasurer of the Publication Board, brother J. C. Cassel. Please turn to it and read carefully so that there may be no misunderstanding. It is a clear statement in a few words as to what the rule of this office will be and every reader should acquaint himself with it. May 1, we will have sent the paper four months to each of 800 persons who have not yet renewed. At \$1.50 per year, there will be due fifty cents from each of these 800 persons in case the paper is discontinued. But we do not want to discontinue your paper, we want to retain all our old subscribers and add more to the list. We must, however, ask our readers to do one of three things: (1) Send us \$1.50 cash for the renewal of your subscription, or (2) notify us to continue the paper with a promise to pay the subscription at some future time, or (3) send us fifty cents and order the paper discontinued. For each number of the paper received you owe the office three cents. The figures 4 98 mean that your subscription expired with number 4 of this year, and you therefore owe from number 5 to the present number which is 15, making 11 number or 33 cents. The figures 50-97 mean that you owe for all of this year, 15 numbers, or 45 cents. The amount is easily calculated.

A Word to Our Readers

Let us state a few things very plainly. We do not wish to be misunderstood. Here is what we want to say: Between this and May 1, the Publication Board will need not less than \$600. Where shall we get it? How shall we get it? Borrow it at a high rate of interest when there is more than \$1800 due the office? That would hardly be considered business. What would any ordinary business establishment do under such circumstances? Collect its bills of course. There is due this office as follow:

On the ledger (new)	\$ 400
Unrenewed subs. (800)	1200
Sunday-school literature,	250
Total,	\$1850

Now if one-half, or 400, of the 800 unrenewed will renew, and if the Sunday-schools will pay half of what they owe, and if one-half the ledger accounts will be paid during the month of April, we will have on May 1, the sum of \$925. Brethren, is there any reason why it should not be so? If any one knows a good reason why this amount should not be sent to this office between now and May 1, we should like to know what that reason is. Look at the label on your paper, think what stands against you on the ledger or how much your school owes the house, then set to work at once and make your remittance. That which will bring us the needed amount of money is the one-half who remit, not the other half. Remember that, please. To which half will you belong? Those who set the type in our office do their work at remarkably low rates. It is this that enables the Board to publish the EVANGELIST at all. In our large cities and in many other places it could not be published with its present support. Is it right that these laborers should be made to wait for the hard earned dollars due them, simply because you owe the office \$1.50? Must they be made to ask for their money? Is it Christian? Is it Bible? Is it gospel-alone doctrine? Is it according to the Brethren creed which says, "Owe no man anything?" Have you ever thought of these things, or has it ever occurred to you that the \$1.50 which you owe has more than once cost this office ten, twenty or thirty dollars? Now brethren, we have made these statements in the best of humor and we ask for them your kindly consideration. Please do not reply with a scolding letter, but rather with the "stuff" that counts.

Evangelist Departments

The several departments of the EVANGELIST are meant to cover all the various lines of church work, the Sunday school, the young people's society, prayer meeting, Bible Study, missions etc. We have lately added a department for the "Little People" giving Junior lessons in Bible study and other helpful reading matter. We invite a careful reading of the matter in the different departments of this and last week's paper, and we feel sure that if you have the interest of the church at heart that you will not want to be without the paper. The department, "Our Young people," has been enlarged so as to meet the needs of those for whom it is

intended. We note with pleasure the growing usefulness and power of the young people, and it will be our purpose to furnish them such matter as their growing needs may demand. In the young people we recognize the most potent agency for good in the church and we urge a thorough consecration of their powers to the cause of the Master. We are sorry that our good sisters do not take advantage of the offer for a department in the paper which is always open to them. Now let there be a union of the best talent in the church for the support of these departments, and the paper will become a great blessing to the church.

New Song Books

If you are in need of a new song book, send for a sample of *Crowning Day*, just the thing for song and praise service, the Sabbath school and the home circle. There are three numbers of this very popular song book, of which more than 100,000 copies have been sold, Nos. 1, 2, and 3. Each of these books can be had either in round notes or in character notes. Nos. 1 and 2 can be had bound in one book. In ordering state whether round or character notes are wanted. No. 3 is not bound with either of the other two numbers. Price, 30 cents each. Nos. 1 and 2 combined, 50 cents. The price includes postage. We shall be glad to correspond with those in need of new song books. We can please you.

Two for One

Since our special offer to send the two *Annals*, 1897 and 1898, to one address for the price of one, that is for ten cents, we have received a number of orders. If you do not have the 1897 Annual now is your time to order. Last year's Annual will be at a premium four or five years from date, as very few of our people have kept a record of the proceeding of all our National Conferences from their beginning. Every member in the church or at least every family should have this Annual. You can now have it with this year's for the small sum of ten cents. Order at once or you may not get a copy.

On the War Path

The credites are now after Dr. John Watson, (Ian Mc. Laren) with sharp stick on account of certain alleged heretical utterances. The offensive officiousness of men who live by the "standards," their angry zeal against the least independence of thought,